

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 533
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mary Catherine Baker,
2003 Co-Valedictorian of Franklin County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Baker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Franklin County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Baker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Baker has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she will attend Berea College in the fall; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mary Catherine Baker has received many; she was awarded the Sewanee Award for Excellence in Writing and was selected to attend the Governor's School for the Humanities; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded young woman, Mary Catherine is a member of many clubs and organizations, including the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, her church youth group, and church drama team; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Dawn Baker and Barry Baker, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Franklin County High School Co-Valedictorian, Mary Catherine Baker, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.